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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed August 8, 2007, Applicants submit the following remarks.